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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** 

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A fastener element for fastening a fluid dispenser member on a

fluid reservoir, said fastener element including a deformable snap-fastener portion for snap--

fastening on a neck of the reservoir, wherein a stiffener means are member is provided inside said

deformable snap-fastener portion for substantially preventing said deformable snap-fastener

portion from deforming after snap-fastening; and

wherein the deformable snap-fastener portion comprises a lateral skirt of said fastener

element, and a projection projecting radially inwards from an inside wall of said lateral skirt.

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 1, in which said stiffener

means are member is inserted, integrated, sunk, or embedded inside said deformable snap-

fastener portion.

4. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 1, in which said stiffener

means-member comprises one or a plurality of rigid and/or resilient elements.

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5. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 4, in which the rigid

and/or resilient element(s) extend in or around the periphery of the deformable snap-fastener

portion.

6. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 1, in which said stiffener

means-member comprises at least one substantially rigid and/or resilient circular insert.

7. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 6, in which the inside

diameter of said at least one circular insert is not less than the outside diameter of the neck of the

reservoir.

8. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 6, in which said circular

insert is made as a single part.

9. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 6, in which said circular

insert is constituted by a plurality of insert sections.

10. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 6, in which said

circular insert is a metal wire.

11. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 10, in which said wire

includes a plurality of turns.

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12. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 1, in which said fastener element is a snap-fastenable ring for fastening a pump on a neck of a reservoir, said ring being made integrally with pump-receiver means co-operating with the pump body, and a ferrule

portion extending inside said pump body so as to define the rest position of the pump.

- 13. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 12, in which said snap-fastenable ring is made from a single plastics material.
- 14. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 12, in which said snap-fastenable ring is made from a plurality of different plastics materials.
- 15. (currently amended): A fluid dispenser device, including a dispenser member, mounted on a fluid reservoir by means of a fastener element, wherein said fastener element is made according to claim 1.
- 16. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 1, wherein the fluid dispenser member is a pump or a valve.
- 17. (previously presented): A fluid dispenser device according to claim 15, wherein the dispenser member is a pump or a valve.
- 18. (currently amended): A fastener element for fastening a fluid dispenser member on a fluid reservoir, said fastener element comprising a deformable snap-fastener portion that snap-

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fastens onto a neck of the reservoir, the fastener element comprising a resilient or rigid stiffener element inside the snap-fastener portion that substantially prevents the snap-fastener portion

from deforming after snap-fastening;

wherein the deformable snap-fastener portion comprises a lateral skirt of said fastener element, and a projection projecting radially inwards from an inside wall of said lateral skirt.

19. (previously presented): The fastener element according to claim 18, wherein the

stiffener element is inserted or embedded inside the deformable snap-fastener portion.

20. (new): A fastener element according to claim 1, wherein the deformable snap-

fastener portion is configured to be located outside the neck of the reservoir and below an

annular protrusion of the neck of the reservoir when the fastener element is fastened on the fluid

reservoir.

21. (new): A fastener element according to claim 1, wherein the stiffener member inside

the deformable snap-fastener portion is configured to be located outside the neck of the reservoir

and below an annular protrusion of the neck of the reservoir when the fastener element is

fastened on the fluid reservoir.

22. (new): A fastener element according to claim 1, wherein the stiffener member is

embedded inside the deformable snap-fastener portion.

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23. (new): A fastener element for fastening a fluid dispenser member on a fluid reservoir, said fastener element including a deformable snap-fastener portion for snap-fastening on a neck of the reservoir, wherein stiffener means for substantially preventing said deformable snapfastener portion from deforming after snap-fastening are provided inside said deformable snapfastener portion; and

wherein the deformable snap-fastener portion comprises a lateral skirt of said fastener element, and a projection projecting radially inwards from an inside wall of said lateral skirt.